

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A small-sized printing apparatus, which is stable in printing operation and high in reliability, is provided, although the installation area and the utility area are small. For this purpose, the conveying direction of a supplied printing medium is reversed generally in the opposite direction, and then guided in the vertical direction. Thus, the printing medium is firmly supported. Also, since the printing medium exists beneath the printing section in the vertical direction during the printing operation, it is possible to prevent the interior of the apparatus from being contaminated with ink dropping down from the printing region.

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